

Chapter 26

**FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION\***

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\*State law reference—Fire prevention, Code of Virginia, § 27-1 et seq.



**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Secs. 26-1—26-25. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE II. VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE**

**Sec. 26-26. Junior firepersons authorized.**

Pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 40.1-79.1, the county hereby authorizes all of the volunteer fire departments operating within the county now or in the future to have junior firepersons including any person 16 years of age or older as members of such fire departments.

(Ord. of 5-19-1987, § 1)

**State law reference**—Authorization to adopt section, Code of Virginia, § 40.1-79.1.

**Sec. 26-27. Requirements.**

As provided in Code of Virginia, § 40.1-79.1, junior firepersons shall be required to provide the fire department with:

- (1) Written parental or guardian approval; and
- (2) Proof that they have attained certification under the National Fire Protection Association 1001, level one, firefighter standard, as administered by the department of fire programs.

(Ord. of 5-19-1987, § 1)

**State law reference**—Participation in volunteer fire company activities authorized, Code of Virginia, § 40.1-79.1.

**Secs. 26-28—26-50. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE III. OPEN BURNING\***

**Sec. 26-51. Violations.**

Violation of the provisions of this article shall be a class 1 misdemeanor punishable by section 1-15.

(Ord. of 10-5-1973)

**\*State law references**—Air pollution control, Code of Virginia, § 10.1-1300 et seq.; authority to regulate burning leaves, Code of Virginia, § 10.1-1308; open burning, Code of Virginia, § 27-98.

**Sec. 26-52. Burning of leaves.**

Leaves originating on the premises of private residences within the county may be burned on those premises; provided that:

- (1) Such burning is done between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and all embers are totally extinguished at the end of this period.
- (2) No material will be added to the fire after 3:00 p.m.
- (3) The location of burning is not less than 100 feet from any occupied building unless the occupant has given prior written permission.

(Ord. of 10-5-1973, §§ 1—3)

**Sec. 26-53. Fires required to be attended.**

To minimize the possibility of contaminant emissions from inadvertent fires, at no time shall the fire be unattended.

(Ord. of 10-5-1973, § 4)

**Sec. 26-54. Termination.**

All burning of leaves permitted under this article shall not be commenced and shall be immediately terminated upon declaration of an alert warning or emergency stage of the air pollution episode when proclaimed by either the executive director of the state air pollution control board or his designated representative.

(Ord. of 10-5-1973, § 5)

Chapters 27—29

**RESERVED**

